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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X Y	US 2002/4455 A1 (NAKANISHI, Tomohiko), 10 January, 2002 (10.01.02), Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 25; examples 1, 2 & JP 2002-59009 A Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 25; examples 1, 2	1-3, 5-17, 20 4, 18-20
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